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SUBJECT: DRAFTING GROUP MEETING NO. 226, JUNE 26, 2978
(SALT TWO - 1795)

REF: SALT TWO 1794

1. CONTINUING DISCUSSION FROM PREVIOUS DRAFTING GROUP MEETING (SALT TWO 1794), U.S. STATED IT WAS UNABLE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN MYASISHCHEV (BISON) TYPE AIRPLANES USED AS HEAVY BOMBERS AND THOSE USED AS TANKERS. CONSEQUENTLY, ALL MYASISHCHEV AIRPLANES MUST BE COUNTED IN APPROPRIATE AGGREGATE LIMITATIONS UNTIL FROD'S ARE ADDED INDICATING THEY CANNOT BE USED AS HEAVY BOMBERS, OR UNTIL THEY ARE DISMANTLED, DESTROYED, OR OTHERWISE CEASE TO BE SUBJECT TO SUCH LIMITATIONS. PEREZ POINTED OUT THAT U.S. SIDE HAS GIVEN EXAMPLE, IN CASE OF BEAR RECCE AIRPLANES, OF FEATURE WHICH CONSTITUTES A FROD, AND IS PREPARED TO EXCLUDE THOSE AIRPLANES FROM AGGREGATE LIMITATIONS. THAT DETERMINATION WAS MADE ON BASIS OF OBSERVABLE DIFFERENCES WITH CONFIRMING INFORMATION PROVIDED BY SOVIET SIDE. HOWEVER, IN CASE OF MYASISHCHEV, NO SUCH INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO
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ASSIST IN MAKING DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER ADDITIONAL FEATURES TO BE ADDED WOULD ACTUALLY CONSTITUTE FROD'S.

2. KARPOV REPLIED U.S. STATEMENT WOULD BE STUDIED BUT THAT SOVIET SIDE HAD MADE NUMEROUS STATEMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT, WHICH WERE ALREADY WITHIN PURVIEW OF U.S. SIDE. PEREZ NOTED THAT SOVIET SIDE HAS INDICATED IT INTENDS TO

GIVE BISON TANKERS ADDITIONAL FEATURES SHOWING THAT THEY CANNOT BE USED AS HEAVY BOMBERS. ACCORDINGLY, U.S. CANNOT SEE WHY SOVIETS HAVE PROPOSED FOURTH AGREED STATEMENT TO ARTICLE II.3. KARPOV REPLIED THAT SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR FOURTH AGREED STATEMENT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.

3. KARPOV SAID SOVIET SIDE WAS AWAITING U.S. REPLIES TO QUESTIONS IT HAD POSED REGARDING CRUISE MISSILE RANGE DEFINITION. PEREZ RESPONDED THAT BECAUSE A NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT WERE RAISED AT LAST PLENARY MEETING, U.S. WAS LOOKING AT THEM CAREFULLY, WITH A VIEW TO REPLYING TO THEM AS A WHOLE.

4. NEXT MEETING JUNE 30. EARLE.

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